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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR INVENTION FOR COUNTERING TERRORISM
(MPEP 708.03)

Assistant Director for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Assistant Director:

Applicant hereby petitions to make this application special as
this application is for an invention for countering terrorism.

1. Fee

The fee required to be paid under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) for
accompanying this petition for special status is accompanied by an
enclosed check for \$130.00. Please charge any deficiency or over-
payment to Deposit Account 26-0084. A duplicate of this petition is
attached.

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2. Statement Explaining How The Invention Contributes To Countering Terrorism

The manner in which this invention is used to counter terrorism should be self evident from the application itself. The invention relates to a voice communication device with foreign language translation. One particular application of the present invention is in military applications. U. S. personnel have often been required to render assistance in numerous foreign environments. For example, U. S. troops have been used as members of peacekeeping forces in various countries. Further, U. S. troops have been deployed to counter terrorism in the Middle East. In these and other situations, these military personnel are placed at a disadvantage and are potentially subjected to dangers, heightened by the fact that these personnel are unable to speak the native language as used by the people around them. In these types of missions, there is an acute need to be able to understand the locals or natives. The military personnel have a huge and heavy burden of administering justice by neutralizing threats without compromising the safety of innocents in an effort to reduce or eliminate any collateral damage. This places military personnel in a very difficult situation.

The identification of potential terrorism threats would be aided if the military personnel could understand the language used by the people around them. Knowledge of a foreign language has long been considered an asset in the military. For example, Green Berets are

required to speak at least a second language. Nevertheless, given the tenure of today's society where it is not known where a conflict may arise and it is not known what language military personnel should be versed in, is not practical to have sufficient numbers of troops who speak every language that is needed. This problem is further complicated by the fact that there are numerous dialects associated with various languages. Further, even if some troops are skilled in a particular language, it is impractical for every troop to be skilled in that language.

After September 11, 2001, it has become apparent that creative and inventive advances must be made in countering terrorism not just in the United States but around the world. If U. S. personnel are to be involved in that fight, they are at a disadvantage if they do not speak the languages used by the terrorists. The present invention relates to a device and methods that reduce or eliminate this disadvantage in countering terrorism, thereby clearly making this invention useful for countering terrorism.

International terrorism as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2331 includes "activities that - (a) involve violent acts or acts dangerous to human life that are in violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any state; [and] (b) appear to be intended - (i) to intimidate or coerce a civilian population; (ii) to influence the policy of a

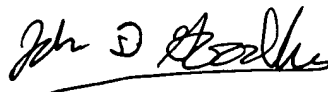
government by intimidation of coercion; or (iii) to affect conduct of a government by assassination or kidnapping . . . "

The present invention is particularly important because it provides governmental personnel the means to interact within a civilian population to identify and then counter terrorism. In foreign environments, particularly those where U. N. peacekeepers or other U. S. personnel are dispersed amongst a civilian population it is of utmost importance to identify terrorists and terrorism threats but without unduly affecting the civilian population. The present invention allows military personnel or others combating terrorism to more easily identify terrorist threats even in environments filled with innocent civilians.

Therefore, it should be appreciated that this invention can be used to combat terrorism and given today's worldwide war on terrorism, this invention is needed to counter terrorism. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that this petition for special status for use for countering terrorism should be immediately granted.

Should any other information be useful in the process of deciding to grant this petition, the Examiner is respectfully urged to call the undersigned attorney so that this statement can be supplemented accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John D. Goodhue", written over a horizontal line.

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